**PATENT** 450100-4928.1

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant Serial No.

Yoichiro SAKO et al.

10/692,763

For

INFORMATION RECORDING MEDIUM, STORAGE MEDIUM, INFORMATION REPRODUCTION APPARATUS AND METHOD, AND INFORMATION RECORDING AND REPRODUCTION APPARATUS AND METHOD AS WELL AS PROVIDING MEDIUM

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MAIL STOP AMENDMENT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

	Claims as Amended
	This is an application of a small entity under 37 CFR 1.9(f), and the amounts shown in parentheses apply.
	The fee has been calculated as shown below.
$\boxtimes$	No additional fee is required.

(1)	(2) Claims remaining after amendment	(3) Minus	(4) Highest number previously paid for	(5) Present extra	(6) Rate	(7) Additional fee	
Total claims	6		20 =	0 ×	\$50(25)	= \$0	
Independent claims	2	Minus	10 =	0 ×	\$200(100)	= \$0	
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	This application contains a multiple dependent claim. The required fee of \$360 (\$180) has been previously paid $\Box$ , or is paid herewith $\Box$ .
	This response is being filed within the month following the expiration of the term originally set therefor.
_	This is a petition to request a extension of time. A check covering the cost of the petition is
	enclosed.
П	A USPTO Form 2038 – Credit Card Payment Form in the amount of \$ .00 is attached, which covers the cost of
_	additional claims andmonth petition for extension of time.
П	Charge \$ to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.
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$\boxtimes$	Please charge any additional fees incurred by reason of this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

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Signature

February 7, 2005

Date of Signature

By: Darren M. Simon Reg. No. 47,946 Tel. (212) 588-0800

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## AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR ELECTION OF SPECIES

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action which issued in the above-identified application on January 12, 2005, requiring an election among those species readable on Figures 2, 6, 9, 12, 15, 18, and 21, respectively.